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LUSAKA, MAY 20 -- TODAY'S ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL, THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED
NEWSPAPER, CONTINUED ITS ATTACKS ON BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY
DR. DAVID OWEN. IN THE MOST VEHEMENT ATTACK TO-DATE THE DAILY
MAIL DEVOTED ITS NORMAL TWO COLUMN EDITORIAL SPACE, COVERING ONE-
FOURTH OF THE PAGE, TO A BRIEF 109-WORD EDITORIAL "WHO IS DR. DAVID

OWEN." THE TEXT OF THE EDITORIAL, PRINTED IN BOLD FACE, QUARTER INCH HIGH TYPE, IS AS FOLLOWS:

WHO IS DR. DAVID OWEN ?

1. THE NEW BRITISH AND COMMONWEALTH FOREIGN SECRETARY.
2. A MESSENGER OF REBEL LEADER OF THE MURDER SQUAD OF THE RACIST REGIME IN RHODESIA -- IAN DOUGLAS SMITH.
3. A SHAMELESS SPOKESMAN OF THE RACIST DEN OF INIQUITY IN SOUTH AFRICA.
4. A MAN WHOSE SHORT HISTORY IS A COMEDY OF BLUNDERS AND WHO IS FAST LOSING THE CONFIDENCE IN AFRICA AND ALL PROGRESSIVE MANKIND.
5. A MAN WHO WANTS THE OPPRESSED BLACKS IN SOUTH AFRICA TO KNEEL CAP IN HAND WAITING NOT FOR MONTHS OR YEARS BUT FOR CENTURIES FOR DR. DAVID OWEN AND JOHN VORSTER TO DELIVER FREEDOM AND EQUALITY.

OH LORD, DELIVER US FROM DR. DAVID OWEN'

AN ARTICLE ACCOMPANYING THE EDITORIAL BY THE MAIL'S FEATURES EDITOR, WITH BANNER HEADLINES "DR. DAVID WHO? SMITH'S BABY WHO BLUNDERED' " CONTINUED THE ATTACK ON THE BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY AND TO A LESSER DEGREE THE UNITED STATES. "IT IS NO MORAL CHANGE OF HEART WHICH MOVED THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO EMBRACE BLACK MAJORITY RULE, BUT THE RISE OF BLACK MILITANCY AND UNCLASSIFIED

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AN INCREASING LEVEL OF SUCCESSFUL GUERRILLA WARFARE BEING SPEARHEADED BY THE PATRIOTIC FRONT," THE ARTICLE CONTENTS, ADDING THAT THE BRITISH AND AMERICANS HAVE REASONS FOR STOPPING THE "RADICALISM" WHICH IS "THE ONLY AVAILABLE AVENUE FOR AFRICANS TO BRING A POLITICAL CHANGE TO BOTH NAMIBIA AND ZIMBABWE."

NOTING THE INCREASE OF U.S. INVESTMENT IN AFRICA OVER THE PAST TWO DECADES, AND QUOTING REMARKS OF FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE CALLING ATTENTION TO AFRICA'S VAST MINERAL RESOURCES AND THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF THE WEST AND AFRICA, THE ARTICLE IMPLIES THAT U.S. MOTIVES FOR SUPPORTING MAJORITY RULE ARE SELF-SEEKING.

AS FAR AS BRITAIN IS CONCERNED THE "MAIN INTEREST IS TO GUARANTEE THAT HIS WAR BE LIMITED BY THE KIND OF WEAPONRY THAT REACHES THE ZAMBEZI VALLEY." BRITAIN, THE ARTICLE CHARGES, HAS "IN THE MAIN ALWAYS BEEN INTERESTED IN EXPLOITATION AND ENSLAVEMENT OF THE BLACK PEOPLE."

"WHAT DR. OWEN AND OTHER SICKENING BRITISH POLITICIANS FORGET," SAYS THE MAIL, IS THAT MEN LEAVING RHODESIA TO FIGHT THE ARMED STRUGGLE CANNOT RETURN TO THEIR HOMES "WITHOUT A GUN TO SHOOT THE WHITE MAN" AND "LIBERATE HIS COUNTRY." IF GUERRILLA WAR FAILS IT WILL ONLY BE DUE TO ITS BEING FRUSTRATED BY "THE ONENESS OF WHITE PEOPLE" AND EVIDENCE OF THIS HAS BEEN GIVEN EXPRESSION BY "DR. OWEN'S TRANSMISSION OF AN AGGRESSIVE MESSAGE FROM ANOTHER WHITEMAN." CONTENDING THAT HARDSHIPS SUFFERED BY THEBLACKS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA ARE LARGELY DUE TO THE "INTEGRATED" WHITE LAAGER IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, THE ARTICLE STATES THAT THE BRITISH WHO IN THE PAST HAVE PROVIDED ENCOURAGING PROPAGANDA AND WHO ARE BEING USED AS "POST OFFICE BOXES" AND THE AMERICANS WHO HAVE ALLOWED "THEIR MEN TO FIGHT ON THE SIDE OF SMITH ARE JUST PART OF THIS WHITE LAAGER."

THE WRITER CLOSES BY NOTING THAT AS TIME GOES ON THERE IS A DANGER THAT THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN WAR OF LIBERATION WILL TURN INTO UNCLASSIFIED

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